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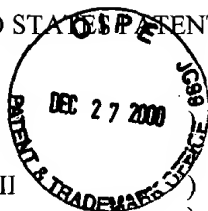
In re Application of:

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Sir:

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AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 11 (second line from the bottom) and ending at page 12, line 10, with the following paragraph:

Figure 4 illustrates an example of improved gas barrier properties for containers of the present invention. The three containers tested each had a surface area of 98 in², a depth of 37mm, and a trim area of 58 in². In each container, reprocessed polymers were used in the first layer, which had a final composition of about 80-85 wt% HPPE, 3 wt% CES (glycidyl methacrylate-based), and the balance PET. In "Pkg. #1," the average

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